

Harvey Warns Business Men of Reform in Laws

Chicago, Dec. 12.—Colonel George Harvey, editor of Harper's Weekly, in an address delivered at the La Salle hotel, served notice on the manufacturers of the middle west that they must prepare themselves to submit to important economic reforms during the coming democratic administration or become objects of suspicion by the public of the whole country.

The occasion was the 15th annual banquet of the Illinois Manufacturing association at which the newly elected president, Charles Piez, presided. More than 200 men, representing millions of dollars of investments in this state, listened to the speech and applauded it.

Colonel Harvey appeared to speak as the oracle of the progressive branch of the democracy. In view of the fact that neither the speaker or his journal have ever been regarded as rampant radicals his remarks were significant. His language was chosen for moderation, but he left no doubt as to his meaning.

He began by repeating an excerpt from an address which Senator Ellhu Root delivered a short time ago in New York. In that speech the senator declared there are thousands of people in the United States who are firmly convinced the New York chamber of commerce is a den of thieves and that the manufacturers of the country are no better than a set of confidence men.

Whether or not this belief was unfounded, said the editor of Harper's, made no difference. The point was that the business interests of the country owed it to themselves to clear themselves of suspicion.

Colonel Harvey said in part: "Two weeks ago I heard Senator Ellhu Root utter these words to the chamber of commerce of the city of New York:

"There are hundreds of thousands of people outside the great industrial communities who think you are a den of thieves. There are hundreds of thousands of people who think the manufacturers of the country are no better than a set of confidence men."

"Such a statement from such a source is more than significant; it is startling. It may be an exaggeration or it may be an underestimate. It is possible the senator should have said millions instead of hundreds of thousands. Whatever may be our judgment in that regard, it is idle to deny the statement contains at least an element of fact."

"Let us assume for a moment that the popular belief thus stated with the utmost seriousness by the distinguished senator from New York is without substantial foundation. Let us presuppose, as I for one, at least, do sincerely hold faith, that the great body of manufacturers of this country are not confidence men, are not tricksters, are not destitute of the attributes of either honor or patriotism. What, then, has given rise to this false, unjust, and extremely harmful impression?"

"To my mind, the answer is both simple and plain. You American manufacturers have, unwittingly, no doubt, but tacitly, surely, permitted yourselves to suffer in public esteem from flagrant misrepresentation. I do not mean by that wrongful interpretation of acts and motives by outsiders. I mean direct misrepresentation by men who have appeared before the American people as your spokesmen without protest or repudiation from you."

"What was the shining mark, the easy mark, for tariff reformers in the congressional elections of 1910 which foreran the recent democratic victory? I do not need to tell you because you have reason to know better than I. It was the famous—or should I say infamous—schedule 'K,' and close upon the heels of schedule 'K' was schedule 'L'."

"It still continues to be possible to deceive all of the people a part of the time, but when the president of the United States, who signed the bill, pronounced the new duties on woolen manufactures indefensible, the time for effective fooling ceased abruptly."

"There was something that the people could not only understand but could take hold of. They knew what they had to pay for what they had to wear. They also thought they knew how much less they ought to be compelled to pay, and they charged up the difference to protection and the republican party."

"Now, gentlemen, this extortion, because it is extortion, nothing else, from the poor was neither wanted nor sanctioned by the great body of real owners of woolen and cotton mills. It was deprecated, as I happen to know, by the wiser and more farseeing directors of those great corporations."

"But it was tolerated. The Woods and the Whitmans prevailed, and it was their blind, stupid insistence upon 100 per cent duties when 50 or 40 per cent was fully adequate to the safeguarding of both wages and profits, that brought down upon the party of protection the wrath of the people."

"The real owners, the shareholders, of whom there are thousands in New England, were wronged by false leadership, and so were you and all other manufacturers engaged in honorable and legitimate occupation."

"There is no malice in the American people, but when you come to them demanding fair play you must come with clean hands. There is no disposition or justification for the incoming political party to cripple a single industry in this land. The only apprehension of danger from readjustment of tariff duties is that which lies, not in intent, but in possible ignorance. Here, then, is the opportunity and the obligation of the really capable and far sighted manufacturer to recognize that his is a dual capacity and that first of all and above all he is an American citizen."

"Revision downward is decreed. It must become an accomplished fact or the democratic party will be swept as it should be swept off the face of the map. Obviously nobody knows so well wherein duties may be lowered without injuring industry as he who makes the goods."

"This is a time for cordial, business-like co-operation in the performance of a public duty, not of unselfish fighting in pursuance of an ugly policy which ought never to have been tolerated and which must be repudiated if you are to expect the fair treatment which should be accorded to you as honorable men."

"There will be no difficulty in revising the tariff downward in such a way as to make for stability and to the immediate satisfaction and ultimate advantage of all if those best acquainted with the details will put their information voluntarily, openly, and without reservation at the disposal of an administration which will be at least rightfully ambitious and sufficiently intelligent to prefer success to failure."

"Why not, indeed, forestall the need injurious effects to legitimate industries by proposing reductions which shall be equally real, but destitute of in jurious effects to legitimate industry? If public confidence is to be regained it can be won only by voluntary and broadly considered action. Therein, gentlemen, lies the opportunity, the splendid opportunity, of an association of self-respecting American men engaged in honorable pursuits such as I believe this association to be."

"There is one other consideration bearing upon the relations of the manufacturer to the state to which I wish to make brief allusion. Last year \$1,000,000,000 were received by American manufacturers for goods exported."

"Some portion of the advantages thus derived is attributable to the enhanced efficiency of our consular and diplomatic service, and yet we find today, in utterances from various sources, manifestations of disapproval of what has come to be known as our 'dollar diplomacy.' Now, I, for one, am free to admit that I am not proud of that term as applied to an American policy. In point of fact I find it hateful, in so far as it implies sordid motives in the shaping of our relationship with other people."

"But I cannot and do not believe that any part of the dissatisfaction to which I refer is due to efforts on the part of our government to obtain for our products the markets of the world. It is directly traceable to apprehension that, in recent years, our government has drifted into the European way of interfering with the political affairs of our neighbors for purposes of gain."

"I do not charge that this is so, but I do insist that if it is not so the fact has not been made sufficiently clear."

"I take full cognizance of the statement that this nation must do as other nations do if it would maintain its own, but I deny its validity as an argument. The foreign policy of these United States has been unique from the beginning. It has differed sharply from that of other nations from the day on which the father of his country set his face like flint against entangling alliances."

"But I say to you, gentlemen, that it cannot be preserved if we constitute our navy a collection agency or put our state department at the service of dealers in money. There may be and doubtless is good reason why the United States should join with European powers in an effort to restore order in China."

"There may be, and I dare say is, sufficient cause to proffer financial aid in the development of the resources of the east. But if there is the slightest justification or excuse for this government to associate itself with other nations in taking by the throat and forcing exactions upon a new republic at the very moment of its emergence from the barbarism of ages, then I say the fact has not yet been demonstrated to the satisfaction of the American people."

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with a bath, but to the contrary assigned them to cell—(beg pardon)—room No. 1, where they all rolled into the hay via one bed. Inasmuch as they did not ring for ice water, or bawl out the chambermaid, they were this morning informed that they owed the management nothing but their good will. The voluntary guests were the only occupants of the police station last p. m., not a single arrest being made. Police court was conspicuous by its absence.

Notice.

Bids will be received at the mayor's office, Rock Island, Ill., until 9 a. m., Dec. 21, 1912, for 30,000 feet of red or white oak lumber, three inches thick, for bridge flooring, sawed in length as follows: 20,000 feet, 4 feet 5 inches in length; 10,000 feet, 4 feet 7 inches in length. F. O. B. Searstown, Rock Island county, Illinois, on the C. & R. L. & P. railway. H. M. SCHRIVER, Mayor.

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